during March 19—22, 1994 before submission of the release proposal to the Central Sub-committee on Crop Standards and Varietal Notification for their release and notification.

(e) and (f) The area coverage would depend on the potential of hybrids and their scale of adaptability and acceptability by the farmers. Over one hundred technical seed personnel—both of public and private sectors are trained on all aspects of hybrid seed production technology to undertake need based seed production of hybrid rice varieties.

Stoppage of MIO in Edible Oils

3287. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have taken a decision to stop the market intervention operations in edible oils on Central Government account ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether NDDB will stop working after this decision ;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(e) what will be the function of NDDB after Government has scrapped MIO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The term of Market Intervention Operations in oilseeds/edible oils by NDDB is for a period of 5 years, starting from April, 1989 and till March, 1994.

(c) to (e) After expiry of the term of the market intervention operations on Government's account, NDDB will be free to decide on its activities with regard to Dhara marketing and bulk trading in oils.

Consumption of Fertilizers

3288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fertilizer consumption during 1992-93 had been fixed at 143 lakh tonnes of nutrients ;

(b) if so, what is the total fertilizer consumption during the above period ;

(c) whether fertilizer consumption was more than targetted in 1992-93 ;

(d) what were the steps taken to meet the demand of fertilizer consumption will be more ; and

(f) if so, what steps are being conidered to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The fertilizer consumption during 1992-93 is estimated to be 121.53 lakh MT nutrients against the target of 143.00 lakh MT of nutrients.

(d) to (f) Fertilizer consumption trends during 1993-94 indicate an increase in the sale of nitrogenous fertilizers whereas sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic fertilizer has declined.

The demand for controlled nitrogenous fertilizer is assessed in consultation with the State Governments and made available through indigenous production and imports. In order to improve the availability of decontrolled fertilizers the import of such fertilizer has been decanalised. Concession at the rate of Rs. 1,000 per tonne on potassic fertilizer and indigenously produced phosphatic, complex and SSP fertilizers has been continued during 1993-94.

दुग्ध का राष्ट्रीय औसत उत्पादन

3289. श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय दुग्ध का राष्ट्रीय औसत उत्पादन कितना है और इसमें बिहार की भागेदारी कितनी है;